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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
ECKART OP DEN CAMP	)	Group Art Unit
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Serial No.	)	
	)	Examiner
Filed: Herewith	)	
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For: A PIPE CONNECTION AND A	)	
METHOD FOR ITS MANUFACTURE)	)	Attorney Docket 1-24802

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as indicated on the following pages.

Respectfully submitted,

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